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SUBJECT: CHILEANS SHOW THEIR RESENTMENT OVER AID CUTS

1. SUMMARY: CHILEANS GIVE VENT TO THEIR DISPLEASURE OVER RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BY PETTY DISCOURTESIES. END SUMMARY.

2. FOR LOCAL REASONS, AMBASSADOR HOSTED LARGE EMBASSY BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION JULY 2 RATHER THAN THE FOURTH. THAT SAME MORNING, LOCAL PRESS CARRIED WORD THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD SIGNED SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT. NEWS ARTICLES RECAPITULATED EFFECT OF ACT ON ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR CHILE.

2. EMBASSY RECEPTION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY MASSIVE "NO SHOWS" AMONG GOC HIERARCHY. PRESIDENT PINOCHET HAD REGRETTED PREVIOUS DAY. ALMOST ENTIRELY WITHOUT SENDING REGRETS, NONE OF HIS ADVISORY STAFF ATTENDED; FOREIGN MINISTER AND UNDER SECRETARY WERE ONLY CABINET OR SUB-CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT; AND ARMY AND NAVY EACH SENT ONLY ONE LOW-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE. ON OTHER HAND, JUNTA MEMBER AND AIR FORCE CINC, GENERAL LEIGH, AND MOST OTHER AIR FORCE OFFICERS INVITED WERE PRESENT, UNDOUBTEDLY BECAUSE AIRCRAFT ARE THE ONLY MAJOR HARDWARE ITEMS

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STILL TO BE DELIVERED TO CHILE. FROM RELIABLE SOURCES WE

HAVE HEARD THAT ORDERS RE GOC ATTENDANCE AT RECEPTION WENT OUT TO OFFICIALS DURING DAY JULY 2.

3. ATTENDANCE BY HUNDREDS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL FIGURES, LOWER-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND PRESS AND MEDIA WAS EXCELLENT. FOR FIRST TIME IN OUR MEMORY, CARDINAL SILVA WAS PRESENT.

4. WE GATHER FROM LOCAL PRESS THAT PRESIDENT PINOCHET SENT MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO PRESIDENT FORD. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTE OF GOOD WISHES TO PRESIDENT FORD, THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED IN EMBASSY, SIGNED ONLY BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

5. WE WILL WATCH CAREFULLY TO SEE WHETHER CHILEANS FOLLOW UP WITH SUBSTANTIVE RETALIATORY MEASURES.
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